Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

High school students to hold court at Michigan Supreme Court August 2 Mock hearing to focus on real-life case about juvenile life without parole sentences Press release

The Detroit News: Judge rules he has sole jurisdiction in Detroit bankruptcy, freezes lawsuits against city, Snyder, EM

"U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes on Wednesday froze all lawsuits against the city challenging the legality of Detroit's bankruptcy filing, clearing a path for the city to begin to prove its insolvency warrants protection from creditors."

Full story

Also see

Detroit Free Press: Judge: Detroit bankruptcy to proceed; city's health at risk

Crain's Detroit Business: Detroit bankruptcy judge says he'll have sole jurisdiction in case

Full story

Lansing State Journal: Lawsuits against Detroit bankruptcy halted by federal judge

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer and the Times Herald/Port Huron. MLive.com: Judge stays lawsuits challenging constitutionality of Detroit bankruptcy

Full story

The MiLW Blog: Judge halts all lawsuits over Detroit bankruptcy

<u>Full story</u>

SBM Blog: Detroit Bankruptcy: One Court To Rule Them All

Full story

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Judge freezes challenges to Detroit bankruptcy *Full story*

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Federal judge to decide whether Detroit is eligible for bankruptcy

Full story

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Bankruptcy judge rules that federal court must make all decisions in Detroit Chapter 9 Bankruptcy

Full story

Detroit Free Press: Muskegon lawyer gets month in jail for cocaine use

"High-profile Muskegon attorney Terry Nolan has been sentenced to one month in jail, five months of house arrest and four years of probation for his fourth cocaine conviction. Muskegon County Circuit Judge Annette Smedley sentenced Nolan on Wednesday. The 55-year-old Norton Shores resident pleaded guilty last month to cocaine use."

Full story

Also see:

Muskegon Chronicle: Terry Nolan, prominent Muskegon attorney, sentenced for cocaine use

Full story

The MiLW Blog: Muskegon attorney sentenced for fourth cocaine conviction Full story

The Allegan County News: Probation program is 'swift and sure'

"Felony offenders in Allegan County have a new opportunity to keep themselves out of prison: the Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program. The program is a highly intensified probation experience, followed with 'swift and sure' punishment for violation.... Allegan County Circuit Court Judge Margaret Bakker said one of the main qualifications to be accepted into the program is to have failed at probation in the past."

Full story

The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Our Views: Grateful for jurors

"Trial by a jury of fellow citizens is so ingrained in America's way of life that we tend to take it for granted. We shouldn't. This week's verdict by a Lenawee County jury decided a particularly vicious torture and attempted murder case that shocked Adrian and surrounding communities. Jurors spent several days examining graphic and disturbing evidence, putting their own lives on hold as they did so." *Full story*

Grosse Pointe News: Pay fines here

"A sweet deal for Wayne County traffic scofflaws is paying off in Grosse Pointe municipal courts. As part of a countywide effort to help Detroit collect millions of dollars in delinquent traffic fines, suburban courts now are authorized to act as discount deposit slots for 36th District Court."

Full story

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Jackson College instructors help courthouse employees learn life-saving skills

"Jackson College's Emergency Medical Services program is taking its lessons on the road. Program instructors, who normally train students for careers in the emergency medical services field, spent two days this week in the Jackson County Courthouse training 12th District Court personnel in CPR and use of automated external defibrillators."

Full story

Macomb County Legal News: Survey aims to improve experience with courts

"'Finding the courthouse was easy.' 'The way the case was handled was fair.' 'As I leave the court, I understand what happened in my case.' These are some of the items in a public satisfaction survey that Michigan trial courts will administer to improve public service."

Full story

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Meijer tried to quash ex-attorney's testimony

"Meijer Inc. officials unsuccessfully tried to prevent their former attorney Timothy Stoepker from revealing any secrets that might remain about the retailer's illegal intervention in two Acme Township elections. Stoepker, of Grand Rapids, faces ethics charges from his time as Meijer's lawyer that could cost him his law license."

Full story

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: ADB rejects 'unusual' motion to intervene in disciplinary proceedings

Full story

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Ex-chief judge fears 36th District Court could be dissolved

"With Kenneth King out as chief judge at Detroit's 36th District Court, the question now is who will take his place? Aside from that, what is the long term plan for the court? Judge Michael Talbot was appointed to fix the court's financial woes, including a \$5 million budget shortfall."

Full story

WWMT-TV(3)/Kalamazoo: I-Team looks deeper at Judge Paul Hamre

"We are continuing to follow developments in an I-Team investigation that's exposed some serious questions about what's happening in the justice system in Van Buren County. Over the last month we've reported on some surprising allegations against Circuit Court Judge Paul Hamre and two attorneys Gary Stewart and Kelly Page who practice law in Paw Paw."

Full story